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SUBJECT: STRIKE OF SOCIAL SECURITY WORKERS

1. STIHSS, THE UNION

WORKERS OF THE HONDURAN SOCIAL SECURITY

INSTITUTE STRUCK TODAY FOLLOWING GOH REFUSAL TO AGREE TO THE UNION'S SALARY DEMANDS. THE STRIKE MEANS THAT THE INSTITUTE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ITS SERVICES (BASICALLY MEDICAL SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO SULA AND TEGUCIGALPA) TO THE WORKERS COVERED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. FOLLOWING SEVERAL MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS THE UNION REFUSED THE GOH OFFER OF 200,000 LEMPIRAS (\$100,000) FOR RAISES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO MORE THAN 1100 EMPLOYEES.

2. COMMENT: ARRIVING AT THE TIME WHEN THE GOH IS FACING A STRIKE

BY THE COUNTRY'S TEACHERS FOR HIGHER WAGES, THE STRIKE PUTS SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PRESSURE ON THE GOH. IN ADDITION IT CREATES ECONOMIC PROBLEMS FOR A GOVERNMENT THAT IS INCREASINGLY HARD PRESSED FOR MONEY TO FUND INTERNAL OPERATION AS WELL AS FINANCE ITS

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